Town of Brookline

Surveillance Technology and Military-Type Equipment Study Committee

Bernard Greene, Chair Date: Feb 6, 2020

Committee members present:

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C. Scott Ananian

Lt. Paul Campbell

Susan Howards

Amy Hummel

Igor Muravyov (arrived 10:30am)

Committee members absent:

Casey Hatchett

Kevin Stokes

Non-committee members present:

Emiliano Falcon, ACLU

Sydney Matzko, Emerson College News Service

Committee member Ananian agreed to take minutes.

Discussion:

- Reviewed draft charge to the Committee regarding the School and Community Safety Reporting App.
 - a. Recommended revising "smartphone and other apps" in item 1 for future proofing
 - b. Recommended reordering item 3(iii) before item 3(i) to get feedback from Town staff before public hearing
 - c. Expected to be presented to the Select Board on Feb 11.
- 2. Minutes from 1-23-2020 were approved (Committee member Muravyov not present)
- 3. Discussed adopted facial recognition prohibition in recently-adopted bylaw
 - a. Lt. Campbell indicated no expected impact on collective bargaining agreements
 - b. Discussed impact on social media posting. Only two staff members in BPD are believed to have access to the official BPD social media account.
 - Recommended Kevin Stokes (for Town) and Scott Wilder (for BPD) draft recommendations on implications of bylaw (settings to disable tagging photos, etc) for distribution to those w/ authorization to post on social media for the Town
 - c. Suggested that our report clarify the issues related Child Protection Act, and whether its inclusion was necessary in the bylaw
- 4. Committee member Muravyov presented a proposed Information Security Questionnaire to the Committee. Recommended deferring discussion of these items until Committee member Stokes is present
- 5. Discussed policy relating to Fusion Centers. Town should be aware of how and when information is being collected and for what purpose, especially purposes other than the

Marathon. We recommend Town employees using Federal and State grants review the language carefully to ensure they are not compromising Town positions including on facial recognition, and immigration.

Follow up items:

- 1. Next meeting will be Thursday, Mar 5, at 10:30am.
- 2. Lt. Campbell will arrange a discussion with Director of IT Scott Wilder to answer questions related to the Fusion center, and to answer questions such as, "Can our cameras be controlled remotely without participation of Town staff?"